

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a titanium-containing aqueous solution, comprising reacting a titanium alkoxide with water in the presence of at least one of ammonia, and amines selected from a primary amine, a secondary amine, and a tertiary amine, wherein the titanium-containing aqueous solution contains titanic acid ions, provided that when ammonia and/or the primary amine only is used, at least one selected from the group consisting of an α -diketone, a β -diketone, an α -hydroxyketone and a carboxylic acid is used in combination.

2. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the amines ~~comprises~~ comprise at least one of methyldiethanolamine, ethyldiethanolamine, diisopropanolamine, triethanolamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, diethylamine, and triethylamine.

3. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 2 1, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of ~~a ketone~~ at least one selected from the group consisting of an α -diketone, a β -diketone, an α -hydroxyketone and a carboxylic acid.

4. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 3 1, wherein the ~~ketone~~ reaction is carried out in the presence of at least one ~~ketone is at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of an α -diketone, a β -diketone, an α -hydroxyketone and a carboxylic acid when ammonia and/or the primary amine only is used.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)